

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Mrs. Laketia Marshall-Thomas.

CONGRATULATING MARLA CLAY
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM
COACHING VOLLEYBALL AT
GALESBURG HIGH SCHOOL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marla Clay on her retirement following 27 seasons as coach of the Galesburg High School Volleyball Team.

Marla started coaching the Silver Streaks volleyball team in 1994 and currently holds a 407–429 career mark with the team. Throughout her tenure, she has helped countless young athletes develop their skills and a lifetime love of sport. I want to thank Marla for her many years of service at Galesburg High School as a coach and teacher.

It is because of leaders such as Marla Clay that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Marla Clay on her retirement after 27 years as the Silver Streaks' volleyball coach.

JONATHAN W. JERNIGAN

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, after 40 years of culinary experience, Chef Jonathan W. Jernigan will be remembered fondly as a true pillar of his community. Jonathan Jernigan began his career in cooking with a job at McDonalds, going on to then graduate from The Restaurant School of Philadelphia, work at Cherry Hill's Greenbrier Restaurant and Camden's Harbor League Club before arriving at Cathedral Kitchen.

Jonathan W. Jernigan's impact as the Executive Chef at Cathedral Kitchen has been immeasurable—from launching a culinary arts training program that has prepared over 400 graduates for careers, to dedicating his efforts to support and feed people who suffered from food insecurity. He played an integral role and was present for all 23 graduating classes of the 17-week culinary arts training program, aimed at those who are unemployed or at risk of homelessness.

Chef Jernigan remained a key contributor to the Cathedral Kitchen until July 2020, when he chose to pursue owning a food truck. His generous presence was felt regardless of his location, as he was remembered to have loaned money, extra meals, and advice to those who needed it. His character followed him wherever he went and left an irreplaceable impression on those he met.

HONORING GILBERT GEORGE
PROSEK

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Gilbert George Prosek, a World War II hero who lost his life in the Pacific Theater in 1944. Gilbert was born October 1, 1921, to George and Theresa Prosek of Chester, IL. He was known to his friends and family as "Gib," and he was familiar for his happy-go-lucky perspective on life. Gilbert lost his father when he was five years old, with he and his mother looking after one another until she remarried to Ben Sebastian. Gilbert had three half-sisters: Helen, Shirley, and Joyce. At 16 years old, Gilbert took a job at the Prim Hosiery Knitting Mill. He enlisted in the Marines at 21, in 1942. The last time most of Gilbert's family saw him was at his going away party, the day he left for basic training. After receiving a Private First Class ranking, Prosek was stationed on Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island. There, he made three charges across a stream to put an enemy gunman out of action and provide covering fire for another member out of his platoon. During this act of heroism, Gilbert's position was exposed and he lost his life. His family was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Gilbert George Prosek of Chester, IL, as we mark 100 years since his birth. On behalf of Southern Illinois, we thank him and his family for their selfless sacrifice in defense of our freedoms.

HONORING NETTY SEARD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient individual, Mrs. Netty Seard.

Netty Ransome Seard was born in the city of Greenville, Mississippi, along with her four sisters and one brother to Ralph and Martha Ransome. Netty graduated from O'Bannon High School in 1994 and went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Communications, Masters of Criminal Justice, and Masters of Social Work all from Mississippi Valley State University.

Netty spent fourteen years at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security where she helped thousands to secure employment and attend college through the Workforce Investment Act Program. In 2015, Netty became a Court Administrator in the Fourth Circuit District of Mississippi.

Netty is no stranger to her community. She believes in Greenville. She has worked tirelessly throughout her adult life being involved in many projects that help women, men and children have a better quality of life.

Netty's community service and affiliations include:

President of the Greenville (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 2016–2020;

Past President Board of Directors Greenville Arts Council (also served as secretary and treasurer);

Ambassador Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce;

Past Sub-Chapter President for the International Association for Workforce Professionals;

Past Chairperson United Way Housing Initiative Committee;

Past Member of MS Alliance for State Employees-CWA Local 3570;

Member of St. Matthew AME Church, Past YPD Director and Women's Missionary Society;

Past President of the Parent-Teacher Association for Trigg Elementary School (2012–2014);

Trigg Elementary School Parent of the Year 2012–13;

Second Congressional District Parent of the Year 2012–13;

Past Member of the Board of Directors for the Delta Children's Museum;

Past Member of the Board of Directors for the Greenville/Washington Co. Historic Preservation Commission;

36th Mississippi Delta Blues and Heritage Festival-Volunteer of the Year Award 2013; and

Greenville Girls Rock Community M.A.G.I.C. (Making A Great Impact in the Community) Award.

Netty says when she is serving others or volunteering, she is never thinking if someone is watching or what others are thinking of her. She only focuses on the recipient of the service, and hopefully, the positive impact her help will make in that person's life.

She thanks God for giving her the strength and tenacity to unselfishly serve others and become a change agent in the community. She also thanks her husband, Mr. Mark K. Seard for being so understanding, caring, and supportive of her ideas and aspirations. And, last but certainly not least she thanks her sweetheart, Madison Marie for sharing her mommy's time with others, so that Greenville may become a better place for her to live and grow. Her only hope is that she is watching and taking notes from Mommy.

Netty's favorite quote is from Colin Powell, "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work!" Her daily prayer is that she can continue this path and leave a positive mark for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Netty Seard for her passion and desire to serve others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 342; YEA on Roll Call No. 346; YEA on Roll Call No. 347; and YEA on Roll Call No. 349.